

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in connection with the personal conference with the Examiner.

The highly beneficial cooperation of Examiner Bomberg during the personal conference has been gratefully acknowledged.

During the conference it was determined that additional clarification of claims 1 and 2 would be needed to clearly and patentably distinguish the present invention over the prior art.

The claims have been amended to define that the actuation button is located at one side of the axis, the rib is located at an opposite side of the axis, and the recess in the lower portion is located exclusively substantially in the area of the axis between the button and the rib. When these features are implemented the spring provides the restoration force to the foam head during operation.

The different location of the recess as in the prior art forms a spring which can provide a snapping-action for assembling the foam head, but does not provide corresponding restoration force during operation of the foam head.

It is believed that the amended claims 1 and 2 clearly and patentably distinguish the present invention from the prior art.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application with all the claims currently on file is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

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